



E-Health Advisory Council
October 24, 2008

Council Members Absent:

Dr. Jennifer Brull
Dr. Marcia Nielsen

Guests:

Brad Williams, Chief Information Officer, Kan-Ed Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents

Call to Order, Dr. David Cook, Assistant Vice Chancellor of External Affairs, Chair

- Dr. Cook called the meeting to order and welcomed members. The agenda and minutes from the September 10 meeting of the Council were approved. Larry Pittman moved and Lynda Farwell seconded the motion.

Kan-ed Update, Brad Williams, CIO, Kan-ed Executive Director, Kansas Board of Regents

- Brad Williams of the Kan-ed network updated the Council on Kan-Ed's progress and priorities moving forward. Kan-ed is a program under the Board of Regents that provides a broadband technology-based network for schools, libraries and hospitals to make available internet access and intranet access for distance learning. The network provides numerous services to its members, such as an education resource center, academic journal database, grant writing assistance and video conferencing. It has also put the structure in place for increased telemedicine capacity in rural parts of the state. Kan-ed is currently preparing to launch Kan-ed 2.0, a new network that will provide additional benefits to network members and maximize federal E-rate and grant funding. A number of opportunities exist for the Council to partner with Kan-ed on e-health initiatives. Mr. Williams answered questions from the Council and emphasized Kan-ed's desire to partner with other entities to advance HIT and HIE.

Discussion of the State Alliance for E-Health Report, Dr. Barb Langner, Policy Director, KHPA

- Dr. Langner reviewed the First Annual Report and Recommendations of the State Alliance for E-Health. The review was intended to gather feedback from Council members on the recommendations made by the State Alliance and determine if ideas set forth by the group could provide direction for the Council. The report contained six recommendations to improve the adoption and use of health information technology, and included various strategies to achieve those recommendations. The Council discussed the merits of the recommendations, and whether or not Kansas had already accomplished the suggested strategies.
- After discussion, it was decided that the KHPA will update the recommendation list to include which strategies Kansas has already implemented, and then Council members will provide input for how to

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prioritize the remaining strategies before the next meeting of the Council.

E-prescribing, Dr. Barb Langner, Policy Director, KHPA

- Dr. Langner updated the group on e-prescribing. The State Alliance for E-Health report recommended that all states increase the amount of e-prescribing performed in their state by 20 percent in the next 2 years. The Council discussed Kansas' e-prescribing opportunities and strategies to increase e-prescribing in the state and what the barriers might be to increasing our e-prescribing volume.

Adjournment of the Meeting, Chair Dr. David Cook

- The Council discussed what they would like to accomplish during the next meeting. After updates have been made to the State Alliance recommendations to reflect the work already done in Kansas Council members can submit their priority recommendations via e-mail. Dr. Cook thanked the Council for their attendance and the meeting was adjourned.
- The next meeting of the Council will be December 11, from 3:00-5:00 at the Kansas Hospital Association, 215 SE 8th Avenue, Topeka.